

# Economic Services Administration

## Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

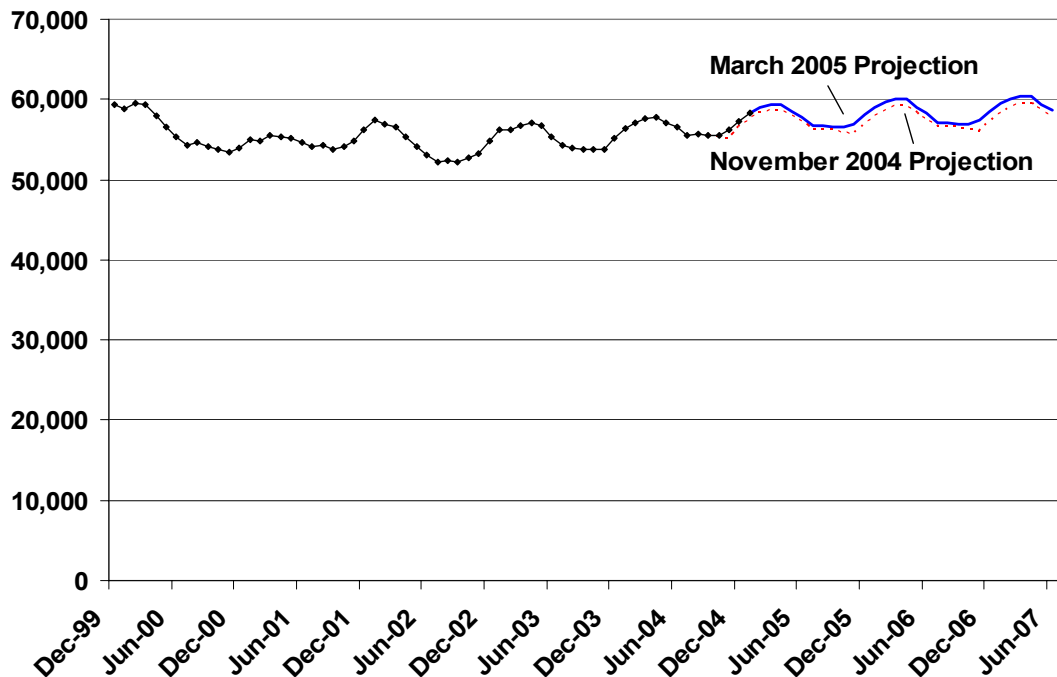
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**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**, via the WorkFirst program, provides benefits for low-income families with children. These include cash assistance and services families need to work, look for work, or prepare for work.

The TANF forecast methodology reflects seasonal caseload fluctuations. The methodology assumes entry and exit rates for each month correspond to the rate for the same month in the previous year.

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### Projection Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-04 Projection	Mar-05 Projection	Nov to Mar Difference	% Difference
2005	56,837	57,342	505	0.9%
2006	57,346	58,132	786	1.4%
2007	57,669	58,542	873	1.5%

- The TANF March 2005 projection is 1.5 percent higher than the November 2004 projection for FY2007.

### Tracking the November 2004 Projection

	Nov 04			Percent
	Projection	Actual	Variance	Variance
Oct-04	55,292	55,587	295	0.5%
Nov-04	55,196	56,159	963	1.7%
Dec-04	56,490	57,335	845	1.5%
Jan-05	57,522	58,356	834	1.5%

- Actuals are tracking, on average, 1.3 percent above the November 2004 projection for the past four months.

### TANF Fiscal Year Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change	
FY02-03	-402	-0.7%	Actuals
FY03-04	965	1.8%	
FY04-05	1,736	3.1%	Forecast
FY05-06	790	1.4%	
FY06-07	410	0.7%	

- The caseload growth is expected to slow down to 1.4 percent between FY2005 and FY2006, and to 0.7 percent between FY2006 and FY2007.